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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

That I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **STRAPPING MACHINE HAVING IMPROVED IN-FEED AND OUT-FEED**

the specification of which (check one)

(X) is attached hereto.

() was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____

(if applicable)

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

That I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

That I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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Yes No

(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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That I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

United States Application(s)

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned)

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(Filing Date)

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That all statements made her in of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledg that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statem nts may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to Mitchell J. Weinstein, WELSH & KATZ, LTD. 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago IL 60606, Tel. No. (312) 655-1500:

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